

## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

One of the important methods of achieving greater service with more economy is to be found in a clear understanding of long-range needs for major public improvements. The virtual certainty of the continued need for more municipal services through the indefinite future furnishes very firm requirements upon which plans may be laid. It is, therefore, entirely reasonable to develop the broad outline of these public improvements necessary to meet those needs with economy and efficiency.

The public improvements program consists of a comprehensive listing of improvements that will be needed by the community within the specified time period to carry on the program of public services. As a part of this program the projects to be undertaken during the first five years are arranged in the order of proposed priority of execution, with estimates of the anticipated cost and the method of financing. This forms the basis for the Capital Improvements Program.

Priorities are not suggested within the year groups for the remainder of the program as there will be, in some instances, carryover from the previous year necessitated by construction scheduling. After the first five years, many improvements scheduled for a specific year might be warranted prior to that year, or it may be determined that the improvements should be postponed due to unforeseen and more urgent needs. For the purposes of this report, however, all projects will be listed in one year or year group only. Improvements involving purchase of land, excluding street rights-of-way, are listed as separate items due to the necessity of purchasing the site in advance of providing improvements. Some improvements may be divided into several stages because the entire improvement is not needed at once or because of the necessity of financing it over a period longer than one year.